(b) what is the share of each State in the total investment made in the Public sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) and (b) Total investment in terms of gross block in Central Public Sector Enterprises as on 31.3.1989 was Rs. 96,580.52 crores. State-wise details are available at page 22 of Vol. I of Public Enterprises Survey 1988-89 placed on the Table of the House on 15.3.1990. Figures for the year 1989-90 will become available only towards the end of the year when all the annual audited accounts of the enterprises are received and compiled.

Retirement of JCO's/ORs in Defence Forces

1498. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the circumstances in which the JCO's and ORs in Defence forces retire at the age of 35 years; and

(b) whether Government propose to ensure resettlement of all the 55,000 of such personnel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) Under the existing terms of engagement of JCOs/ORs, the age limits for superannuation have been fixed in such a way as to ensure a youthful profile and optimum combat efficiency in the Armed forces.

(b) There is a comprehensive programme for the rehabilitation of ex-Servicemen. The Central Government has provided reservation for ex-Servicemen in Groups 'C' and 'D' posts in Central Government Departments, as well as in Public Sector Undertakings and Nationalised Banks. Most State Governments have also provided for reservation in civil posts, in varying degrees, in favour of ex-Servicemen. Besides, a number of schemes are being implemented to provide self-employment opportunities to ex-Servicemen. These include the SEMFFX-II Scheme to provides financial assistance to ex-Servicemen for setting up small industrial projects; the SEMFEX-II Scheme to encourage ex-Servicemen to take up gainful farm and non-farm activities in rural areas; allotment of Unit Trust of India agencies; allotment of petroleum product agencies; transportation agencies for coal and petroleum products; payment of price subsidy to ex-Servicemen for small scale industrial units for products supplied to Defence Establishments etc.

Applications for transfer to join spouses

1499. SHRI VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of applications for transfer to join spouse are being kept in abeyance in the regular priority list; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b) The Government have issued guidelines for posting of husband and wife who are employees of Central Government/State Governments/Central Public Undertakings, together, at the same station as for as possible, within the constraints of administrative feasibility. Requests for posting of husband and wife at the same station are to be considered by the competent authorities in the administrative Ministries/Deparments. Information regarding number of applications received in Ministries/Departments from employees under their control, is not centrally maintained.